

NHDEA meeting Minutes

Monday Aug 28, 2023 at 7pm

Present: Susan, Karen, Emily, Paula, Laura S., Laura P., Ellen

1. Secretary's report: Secretary's report from July 2023 was unanimously approved as submitted.
2. Treasurer's report: one membership added to the balance (an additional membership came in after the report was created). Best news is the check for \$346 that was lost. Thank you, Laura for tracking it down. \$5,048.53 in the balance. Treasurer's report was accepted as submitted.
3. Membership report: two new members, up to 64 members. Probably won't see many more at this point. Membership report was approved as submitted.

Old Business

4. Schooling Show - Sept 10, 2023 Derby Talk Farm Atkinson, NH
 - Volunteers: Paula has been working with Laura Stockfisch, provided her with volunteer list, a couple more awaiting a response. Getting the same ring steward and scribe as last time.
 - Sponsorship form: Paula is working on a sponsorship form.
 - Membership form: Susan will create a membership form.
 - Show date: There are three other shows that are happening on Sept 10 this year. Should we consider a later date for the fall show next year? Paula and Laura discussed this at the last meeting. Volunteers have not stepped up for this show, perhaps because of competition with other shows. Karen: you have to leave yourself enough time to get awards together in time for the back. Might want to consider later in Sept rather than September. Susan will send an email to the organizers of the other shows and suggest that they coordinate next year so that they are not all on the same weekend.
5. USDF GMO Vote Annual Convention Nov 29- Dec 2, 2023 Omaha, NE
 - Delegate: a delegate from NHDEA has gone to the only once. We have always done a designated proxy, need to find another delegate who is going and ask them to vote for us. Usually a delegate will reach out to us. There is a form (Delegate proxy form), which lets us know what they are voting on and then can decide jointly how to vote. Susan would like to be more proactive, everyone else agreed. Susan has the form; an officer can complete the form. Susan will complete the form and send it in. Emily, as president, will be getting the feed. Susan and Emily can inform the group regarding the agenda of the convention. Form is due Aug 31, all agreed that Susan will submit.
6. By Laws
 - Status: Laura P will follow up on the two questions that were discussed. We cannot make any official changes until the banquet meeting. Susan: can the board of directors change that stipulation so that the board. Susan called the Attorney General's office many times but has not gotten an answer. Laura will reach out to the lawyer to address the questions.
7. Banquet - Nov 12, 2023 The Puritan Manchester, NH
 - Menu: Everybody loves the chicken tenders.
 - Cost: The minimum commitment is \$1466.50, so if we get 40 people, the ticket cost would be around \$40. Karen: we have charged up to \$40 before, we only try to break even, rarely make money from admission, the club will make money on the raffle. Depending on how many kids

sign up for awards, it increases the number of parents. Susan: shouldn't be limited to members, anybody can come.

- Centerpiece: doesn't have to be fancy or expensive, just a little something to raffle off at the end.
- Silent Auction/Raffle/ Fundraising ideas: Karen: Raffle has always gone really well. The club has spent \$100-150 to buy stuff to raffle off. Also think about the husbands and boyfriends. A basket of booze. Wine glasses with or without the wine. Doesn't have to be related to the horse, stuff aimed at parents and grandparents. Massages, pedicures, hair dressing stuff, halters for kids, etc. One business donated a small rug.
- Laura came up with the idea to create an invitation for banquet tickets at the September show, which everyone thought was a really great idea. Put the invitations in the show packets.

New Business

8. Western Dressage Year-end award: usually only two or three western dressage competitors. Hoping to get enough so they don't get duplicate gifts. Do we want to have a year end award for western dressage. We should reach out to western dressage association to let them know about the show.
9. Planning for next year: The two-phase at UNH was really successful, we should do it again in April. Laura will reach out to Jim to see if he is willing to do it again, Laura is willing to co-manage. We should move the fall show to later in September and coordinate with other shows. Change to location of either the June or Sept show to something closer to seacoast. We should consider a jumper show or a second two phase, make it a fun show.

Next Meeting

Friday, September 29, 2023 at 7:00 pm